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TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI PRIORITY

AMCONSUL CALCUTTA PRIORITY

INFO AMCONSUL BOMBAY

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E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: EMIN, IN

SUBJECT:MICA FLOOR PRICES

REF: STATE 43982

1. IN ABSENCE JAMES MARSHALL, INS OFFICER DISCUSSED MICA PRICE PROBLEM WITH HAROLD TESTAN, VICE PRESIDENT MICA INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION, WHO PAINTS PICTURE OF RISING CONCERN AMONG US INDUSTRIAL USERS OVER LOW STOCK LEVELS, WITH SPECTER OF LAYOFFS OF WORKERS. TESTAN REPORTS THAT AT THE REQUEST OF HIS AGENT IN INDIA HE HAS CABLED AMENDMENT TO HIS ORIGINAL ORDERS, AGREEING TO NEW HIGHER PRICES.

2. TESTAN ALSO RAISED SECOND PROBLEM OF WHAT HE SEES AS  
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DISCRIMINATION IN SHIPPING MICA OUT OF CALCUTTA. TESTAN

REPORTS THAT MICA SHIPMENTS ARE FREQUENTLY LONG DELAYED  
BECAUSE LIMITED CARGO SPACE TO US PORTS IS USED FOR OTHER  
HIGHER-VALUE EXPORT CARGOES.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE STATUS REPORT ON ANY ACTION  
TAKEN PURSUANT REFTTEL AND OUTLOOK IN LIGHT TESTAN'S AGREE-  
MENT PAY NEW PRICES, AS WELL AS YOUR COMMENT ON ASSESSMENT  
OF SHIPPING PROBLEM RAISED BY TESTAN. KISSINGER

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